

## WERE FROM HOPE.

### EARL FAMILY MURDERED IN WELSH, LA.

Father, Mother and Four Sons Killed by Hired Man—Murderer Is in Jail at New Orleans.

Many residents of Hope will remember the Earl family that lived in that town about fifteen years ago. Mr. Earl ran the stucco mill for a time and was a plasterer. They moved from Hope to Iowa and then to Welsh, La. About a week ago Mr. Earl, his wife and four sons were found murdered. The Lake Charles Press tells of the tragedy:

"L. S. Earl, a well-known citizen of Calcasieu parish, owns a farm about one and three-quarters of a mile from the promising city of Welsh. He had prospered since coming here about twelve years since from his home in Iowa—at one time in the feed and grain business, and at another in the real estate business in Welsh. Recently he had withdrawn to his farm less than two miles southwest from the city. Near him his son Ward owned a farm on which a small house had been erected, and it was in this house that the family, except the father, met their death at some demon's hands.

"Miss Maude Earl is a clerk in a Welsh store. Receiving word from this city which filled her with a vague uneasiness, she secured a carriage and went to her parents' home; not finding them at home, she went to her brother's 'camp,' as the family called it, only to find herself bereft of parents and brothers by an assassin's hand.

"On the floor lay the body of her 19-year-old brother, Fay; across his body was stretched the form of her brother John, a stout lad of 17 years; Lemuel, 12 years old, laying half way on John and Fay, while the poor old mother, with the entire top of her head torn away, had been thrown by the fiend, with savage appropriateness, on the bodies of her sons whom she would have gladly given her life to save. On the bed but a few feet away reclined the dead body of Ward Earl, aged 25 years and the owner of the place. The young man was lying on the bed with all his clothing on, and the supposition at this writing, as telephoned in by Deputy Sheriff T. S. Hardy, who is on the scene, is that he was shot to death.

"The old mother, besides having her head crushed, had also received an awful gash across her throat which the poor dying creature had vainly endeavored to close by fastening a bandage of rags around her neck. The other victims presumably were shot.

"The father, L. S. Earl, was not with his family at Ward Earl's house, which is situated about one mile from the old folk's home, therefore, a vigorous search was made for him. A wild story flew around that he had been seen in Crowley, but before the foolish rumor could start on its lying journey, the dead and mutilated body of the old man Earl was found in a ditch, about 200 yards from his own home and three-quarters of a mile from the butcher's, with a bullet hole in his temple."

The murderer is supposed to be Edwin Batson of Spickard, Mo., a hired man and cousin of the Earls. He was arrested at Lawrence, Mo., crossed the length of Missouri in safety last night and, in charge of Sheriff Perkins of Calcasieu parish, was safely landed in the parish prison at New Orleans. He will stay in New Orleans until his trial is called. Governor Heard is exerting himself to give the prisoner adequate protection. Batson says that he is innocent.

#### School Report.

Report of monthly examination in Carlton schools held Feb. 17:

Eighth grade, 8 in number—Edith Davis, 95 per cent, Jennie Russell 93, Mona Callister 91. Seventh grade, 16 in number—Lawrence Husted 97, John Callister 94, Chas. Davis 94, Olie Slaughter 94, Anna Balzer 93. All branches except physiology, Ella Smith 96. Lowest average 81. Sixth grade, 6 in number—Orville Slaughter 97, Laura Davis 97, Sadie Kessler, 93, Herbert Marlatt 91. Lowest 86. Fifth grade, 2 in number—Hazel Ireland 97, Pearl French 93. Pupils come to school every day and learn.

H. E. Browns, Principal.

Wanted, for farm in this county, man and wife; elderly couple preferred; work in vicinity for man. Good house, garden, fruit, etc. Address with stamped envelope, or call on Abilene Reflector, Abilene. 25-1

## ABOUT PEOPLE.

R. H. Thayer is back from Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. W. A. Rees of Bonaccord was shopping in the city.

Tom C. Davis was up from Dillon visiting the county seat.

Geo. F. Livingston went to Kansas City with a car of stock.

I. N. Lowe was in from Hayes. He will have a sale March 18.

Miss Augusta Dewey went to Topeka and will remain to hear Nordica.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Zahner of Topeka have gone on a pleasure trip to Porto Rico.

S. H. McCullough went to Hutchinson to attend the grain-buyers' meeting.

C. A. Sherwood and R. S. Marshall left for the Pacific Coast where they will probably locate.

S. H. McCullough was called home from Hutchinson by the serious illness of his youngest child.

Horton Wilcox left last night for the Alberta country, Canada, to locate. His family will join him later.

Truman Bender, who has recently sold his farm, is moving to Hamilton, Indiana. Of course he will come back.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Shirk, of Cottonwood Falls, and V. E. Rugh, of Wichita, are here, called by the illness of Mrs. C. Rugh.

C. T. Estes returned home from Colorado Springs, where Mrs. Estes and Maude have been since last summer for the latter's health.

Mrs. Rufer left today to place her daughter, Miss Mabel, in Mt. St. Joseph's College at Abilene, from there she will go to Salina.—[J. C. Union.

Mrs. G. B. Colby and daughter, Blanche, are visiting in Junction City for a week. They will spend a few days in Abilene before going to Wyoming to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. White took the noon train for Abilene Friday. They have been with their son and daughter during their affliction, the loss of two children by diphtheria.—[Wakefield News.

Wanted—Several girls to learn the millinery trade. M. ELLA EAGLE.

## Seed Corn.

Rice, Johntz & Nicolay has just received a car of last year's corn expressly for seed. Before you buy call and see us.

## CITY ELECTION SOON.

Only 26 Days Until New Officers Must be Chosen.

The city election will come this year on Tuesday, April 1. It will be an April fool for half the candidates but the fact that the date is so near is no joke. Only sixteen more days remain in which to register. The terms of the following expire this spring:

Councilmen—John Hoon in First ward, J. A. Wilkie in Second ward, T. M. Jones in Third ward, T. H. Malott in Fourth ward.

Schoolboard—D. E. Snider long term and L. G. Humbarger appointed in 1st ward, J. E. Brewer in 2nd ward, F. J. Murphy in 3rd ward, W. H. Hoon in 4th ward, N. C. Dyer in attached territory.

As under the new election law "citizens" and "non-partisan" titles do not go on the ballot the tickets will be nominated on a straight party ticket.

In the meanwhile it will be a good thing to register.

## "RED" MURPHY GOES UP.

Guilt of Shooting at Trainmen and Gets One Year.

"Red" Murphy who is wanted here for stealing a vest containing a gold watch and revolver, pleaded guilty at Junction City yesterday to firing at trainmen and was sentenced to a year in the pen. Murphy was arrested in Kansas City several weeks ago by Sheriff Peeso. Last June he undertook to ride to Junction City on the local, brakeman Nelson fired him off with a chunk of coal, Murphy pulled a gun and "Nell" hit the pike for the caboose. The next morning Murphy was walking east on the track near Kansas Falls when Si Cooper noticed him and said to Nelson, who was sitting in the cab of the engine, "There is the man who was going to take a shot at you last night." Just then Murphy pulled his gun and fired two shots at "Nell" but his aim was poor and missed him.

## RECENT REFLECTIONS.

Spring dry goods arriving every day at Nuz's.

A. C. Menor is having water-works laid to his place on Kuney.

The Noble Dramatic Co. will hold down the boards at the Seelye all next week.

Prices on new shoes and new dry goods that will surprise you, at Nuz's.

The city fathers' banquet will be held at the Pacific hotel next Wednesday evening.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Quarter section of good pasture; land all fenced and well watered. One mile west of Vine station. Write or call on Mrs. Maria Bickford, Vine, Kas. 25-4\*

A sharp turn with Kump's swift delivery horse threw Martin Vandenberg off the seat to the ground and now he is nursing a broken wrist.

Nuz is getting in his spring dry goods. It will pay you to call and examine them.

Revival services are being held at the A. M. E. church by Rev. R. Chisholm, assisted by Rev. B. R. Ross, of Junction City and R. C. Lee of Hutchinson. All are invited.

Wm. R. Cormack of Junction City, who has been very despondent for several days, left his home last Thursday evening and has not been heard from.

Old man Toliver has fixed up a shop for repairing machinery of every description. Engine work a specialty. South end of Broadway, Abilene. cat6

Wanted, until March 20, live pig pens. J. W. Sauer, Cottage avenue, Abilene, or at Pacific express office. 17-11

## That Old Lawsuit Again.

A Chicago dispatch says: The suit brought against ex-Senator Charles B. Farwell by James Bell to recover \$5,000 was decided in favor of the defendant by Judge Horton. A motion for a new trial was made. Mr. Farwell invested \$5,000 in the Abilene Central Land company in 1887. The company failed and, under the double liability act of Kansas, Mr. Case, Mr. Bell and others brought suit against Mr. Farwell to compel him to pay to the creditors of the company double the amount of the stock held by him, the same as did the other members of the company. The matter has twice been to the Illinois supreme court and in each case Farwell has lost. It will probably be taken there again.

## KELLOGGS MADE UP.

Chapman Girl Wife Will Take Husband Back.

Mrs. J. C. Kellogg, the girl wife of Dr. Kellogg, who brought suit for divorce recently, yesterday withdrew the case. They have settled their differences out of court and are living together again. Kellogg, who owns \$20,000 worth of land in north Dickinson, married her when she was attending high school at Chapman. She claimed in her petition that he mistreated her. The doctor now lives at New Orleans.

## Place for Mrs. Gibb.

Mrs. Ruth A. Gibb, of Abilene, has been appointed an assistant matron at Pawnee Indian school, O. T. She is now one of Abilene's efficient teachers and will be congratulated on her advancement.

## Shifting Soil.

Real Estate Transfers Reported by Abilene & Ellison Abstractors.

E. L. Aument to E. I. De Witt Its 7 9 11 13 bk 43 Herington, \$1200.

E. H. Clewell to H. E. Swanger It 19 bk C Lamb's ad Detroit, \$110.

J. M. McIntyre to Anna M. Frite Ind in ne cor bk 25 Herington, \$75.

L. C. Blair to J. Haley s 1/2 sw 26-15 3, \$1300.

J. M. Handley to J. D. Haskell n 1/2 It 6 bk 1 K & H ad, \$1600.

Travelers' Ins Co to same Its 1 2 3 4 5 bk 1 K & H ad, \$1250.

## Local Markets.

Butter good	18
Eggs pe doz	17
Hens	15
Spring chickens	6
Roosters	4
Ducks and geese	4
Turkeys per pound, alive	5
Potatoes	1 1/2
Flour per 100 lbs	2 30 @ 2 30
Hogs per 100 lbs	5 00 @ 5 10
Cows per 100 lbs	2 25 @ 2 35
Steers per 100 lbs	2 00 @ 2 10
Sheep on foot	10 00 @ 11 00
Wheat No. 2	85
Wheat No. 3	82
Wheat No. 4	80
Corn	75
Rye	40
Oats	45

## BUTTER MARKET.

[Prices for creamery butter at points named for week ending today. Dickinson county price 14 cents less than New York 14 cents less than Chicago.]

Kansas City—Fancy separator 25c, dairy fancy 20c.

CHICAGO—Creamery 18 @ 20c, dairy 18 @ 20c.

# Trade at the Big Clothing Store.



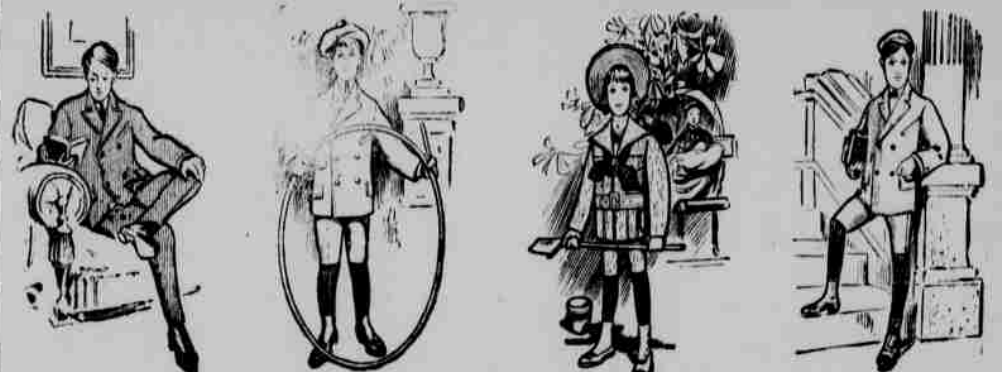
## G. C. STERL & CO'S

first announcement of a \$10,000.00 New Stock of Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods. First in the field with the Largest, Best and cheapest stock of Clothing in Central Kansas. It is quite natural to trade where you are sure of getting a big assortment of goods, so it is quite natural that you look to the big Clothing house of G. C. STERL & CO., established 21 years. To buy goods from us is a guarantee of best goods at lowest possible prices. We have been receiving



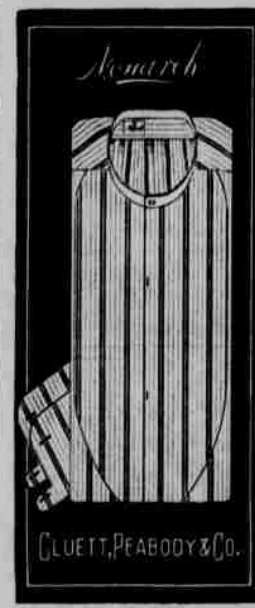
new Goods for two weeks and we will continue to receive new goods for two weeks longer. Our shelves will not be large enough to hold all of our new goods for this spring and summer. It is quite certain that you will want to buy your spring and summer goods of the old reliable Clothier, G. C. STERL & CO.

You have never bought anything in our house that was not just as represented. Our motto has always been "good honest goods at lowest prices and courteous treatment. See STERL & CO. for a new all wool Suit for \$5.00; others ask \$7.50 for no better goods. It is easy to decide where to buy. See us for a fine Dress Suit at \$10.00, worth \$13.50 anywhere else.

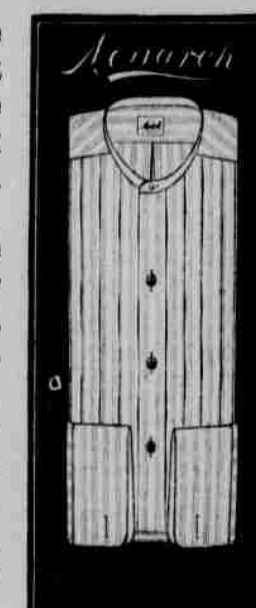


See us for your Boys' and Children's Suits. We are ready to show you the finest line ever shown west of Kansas City. Give us a look, it will take only a minute to sell you. We have the new Sailors, Norfolks, Juniors and all the little fellows' swell Clothing made. See us for a Child's Suit at \$1.50; others would ask \$2.00. It is easy to say where you ought to buy your Boys' and Children's Clothing. G. C. STERL & CO'S is the place.

## WHERE TO BUY SHIRTS.



Only one place in Abilene to buy Shirts, and that place is STERL'S. We carry four times the stock of Shirts of any house in Dickinson county. Think of buying a fine percale Shirt with 2 Collars, 1 pair cuffs, made up well, perfect fitting, only 50c. We have only 25 dozen, so don't wait too long, they are going. See us for working Shirts at 35 and 50c. We sell the best Noxall Shirt for every day wear. We have hundreds of custom-



that will take no other. For a Dress Shirt we sell the famous Monarch Shirts, best on earth for \$1.00; other houses ask \$1.50, but Shirt is no better. Easy to say where you will buy your Shirts. We want to see you at our store often. Make our store your headquarters. Goods bought from us is a guarantee of best quality. Trade at STERL'S all over the house. We occupy two floors.

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